



**The meeting of the Veterinary Medicine Board was called to order at 1:00 p.m.**

## **1.0 MINUTES**

**The minutes of the OPEN session meeting held on May 21, 2014 were reviewed.**

**Stacey Rodehorst moved that the minutes be approved; Conrad Jones, DVM seconded the motion.**

**The motion carried on unanimous consent.**

## **2.0 ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES**

**Communications:**

**(None for this meeting.)**

**Continuing Education Inquiries:**

**(None for this meeting)**

**Issued Veterinary Licenses:** A list of new veterinary licenses was distributed to the Board for review. On a motion made by Stacy Rodehorst and seconded by Mark Povar, the list of licenses was approved by unanimous consent.

**3.0 OLD BUSINESS: None**

**4.0 NEW BUSINESS:**

**• Veterinarian Assisting Public Health Agencies for Rabies Testing:**

The Board came to the conclusion that the state veterinarian can request a private veterinarian to perform a decapitation of an animal suspected of having rabies but veterinarians are not legally obligated to do so. The Board also felt that the delivery of the body part (i.e. the head) to the lab is the responsibility of the Animal Control Officer or other public official.

**• Discussion of On Line Sale of Prescription Meds.**

It was the opinion of the Board that this issue be referred to the RI State Attorney General for further investigation. Board members felt that these products are probably being diverted from veterinarian

**offices and resold at a lower price. The Board felt that this is criminal activity and should be prosecuted.**

- **Discussion RE Tramadol Requirements of NH.**

**New Hampshire has enacted state regulatory changes in the way tramadol is prescribed in preparation for it becoming a scheduled drug. Question on possible regulatory changes in the prescribing of tramadol in RI. There are no proposed changes to state regulations at this time.**

## **5.0 ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 46-45-5 of the RI General Laws for the purpose of discussing job**

**performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure and licenses; and**

**investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. Said individuals**

**have been notified in advance by writing that they may request that the discussion be held in an**

**OPEN meeting.**

**Conrad Jones made a motion to close the OPEN meeting and adjourn to CLOSED session**

**in accordance with Sections 42-46-5(a) (1) and (4). Mark Povar**

**seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent.**

**The OPEN meeting session adjourned at 1:23 p.m.**

## **6.0 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

**Peter Cournoyer made a motion to reopen the OPEN session at 2:35 p.m. Stacey Rodehorst seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent.**

## **7.0 VOTE TO SEAL MINUTES**

**Pursuant to Sections 42-46-4, 42-46-5, and 42-46-7 of the RI General Laws, a motion was made by Conrad Jones and seconded by Mark Povar to seal the minutes of the executive (closed) session. All approved.**

**8.0 FINAL ACTIONS: None**

## **9.0 ADJOURN**

**Being no other business before the Board, Susan Fabrizio made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:50 p.m Stacey Rodehorst seconded the motion. The motion carried on unanimous consent.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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